

YES, YESTERDAY WAS A LIVE DAY FOR SOCIETY AND THE STOCK MARKET

This is a gay week in swell society circles in Chicago. Business is not only good out at the stockyards, where the movement of live stock is brisk, but dinners, receptions, luncheons, balls, weddings, engagements and debuts are keeping the women busy blowing in the coin their men make in the yards and the loop.

On Thursday there arrived at the stockyards 12,000 cattle, 1,600 calves, 42,000 hogs and 10,000 sheep and lambs, and in the evening a small but appreciative audience attended grand opera and ate grub at the Blackstone and Auditorium.

The costumes of the live stock at the yards were not described in the society columns, but at the opera the newspapers tell us of such costumes on the live stock—blue-brocaded in silver, white trimmed in crystal, cerise taffeta, tulle, cerise ostrich fans and things like that.

Early receipts of hogs sold higher yesterday. Armour & Co. bought 5,500 hogs, Idaho lambs sold at \$13.35 and native ewes sold up to \$9.75. In the meantime arrangements were being made by the women for bridge whist games at the Allied Bazaar next week at \$1 a throw, and there was a tea-dance for debutantes at the Virginia hotel and some of our rich young folks danced for two hours at the Blackstone.

Weakness pervaded the market for beef cattle, cash corn was steady to $\frac{1}{4}$ cent lower and ribs were relatively firmer than lard or pork. But the matrimonial market opened strong with a big debut at the Blackstone, where the ballroom was decorated with American Beauty roses and Christmas greens, while 600 guests had a good time looking over 30 of the season's richest and choicest debutantes.

Clearances of wheat and flour

from the seaboard were 628,000 bushels, improvement in the cash meat trade was reported, the egg market was firm, butter quiet, cheese steady, and many engagements were announced of young folks whose dads were rich enough to get their names in the papers.

The poultry market was firm, with dressed chickens firm. Limburger cheese was quoted at 23 and 24, with potatoes 5 cents a bushel higher on receipts of 30 cars. In the meantime an ultra-swell luncheon was being fed to many rich guests by three rich hostesses at the Casino.

The stock market was irregular, yet notwithstanding the fact that Sears-Roebuck common sold down to 224 against a previous close of 227, the society column says that Julius Rosenwald blew himself for a box at the Cornell concert next week.

Commonwealth Edison is to sell over \$4,000,000 more new stock, and there was a long list of fashionable weddings.

Altogether the live stock movement in Chicago was lively yesterday.

VILLA EVACUATES TORREON— LEVIES "WAR LOAN"

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 29.—After levying a "war loan" of 100,000 pesos on the city, Villa evacuated Torreon and is now on the march toward Saltillo, according to reports given out by Carranza military officials at Juarez. The Coahuila metropolis has been reoccupied by government troops under Gen. Murguía, it was announced.

While in Torreon, Villa was careful not to harm any foreigners or their property.

Mexican government officials today admitted that the garrison at Saltillo had evacuated the town last week, leaving it unprotected, while the garrison at Monterey is weak and unless reinforced will make no stand against the Villistas.